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SUBJECT: GOS TO SUPPORT CHINA ARMS EMBARGO

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[1](#)1. (C) DCM discussed reftel with Ivan Korcok, State Secretary of the MFA, Milan Jezovica, Foreign Policy Advisor

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to PM Dzurinda, and Frantisek Ruzicka, Acting General Director for European Affairs. Ruzicka was very well versed in U.S. views (to the point of summarizing previous demarche's talking points), but emphasized that Slovakia would be looking for allies on this issue inside the EU, specifically mentioning the UK and the Netherlands. However, both Korcok and Jezovica were more resolute, stating that the GOS will not support the lifting of the China arms embargo.

[1](#)2. (C) Comment: At the working level, the GOS is looking for cover under the leadership of other EU countries while at the political level, a decision to support maintaining the arms embargo has been made.

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